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I, Tadayuki SUZUKI, declares as follows:

I am one of the co-inventors of the invention as claimed and described in the instant patent application. I have carried out additional tests, procedures and results of which are described below.

Example 13 and 14 were carried out in the same way as Example 2 of the instant patent application except for the effective components and their concentrations as shown in Table 22 and 23. That is, a composition comprising decyl polyglucoside (A) and trehalose (B) and another composition comprising decyl polyglucoside and gibberellin (C) were tested with changed concentrations in water.

Test results are shown in Table 22 and 23. It is noted from the test results that the synergistic result of the tested composition significantly appears in view of the number of days for preservation of rose flower in comparison with zero concentration of (A). 0.5 wt.% of (A) is found to be too thick

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to preserve the flower.

Table 22

		Concentration of decyl polyglucoside (% by weight)					
		0	0.0001	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.5
Concentration of trehalose (% by weight)	0	3	3	4	4	3	2
	0.1	3	9	10	11	8	3
	0.5	4	9	12	12	8	3
	1	5	10	14	15	9	4
	2	6	12	16	16	11	5
	5	5	11	15	15	10	4
	10	3	10	12	11	9	3

Table 23

		Concentration of decyl polyglucoside (% by weight)					
		0	0.0001	0.001	0.01	0.1	0.5
Concentration of gibberellins (GA3) (ppm by weight)	0	3	3	4	4	3	2
	0.01	4	8	10	10	9	3
	0.1	4	9	10	10	9	4
	1	3	10	12	12	11	4
	10	3	10	12	12	11	3
	100	3	9	11	12	10	3
	1000	2	8	10	10	8	2

gibberellins

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